

Appl. No. : 09/586,666  
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**Priority Claim**

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge Applicant's priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Appl. No. 60/201,150, filed May 2, 2000. The priority claim is contained in the specification, as filed on June 1, 2000, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5).

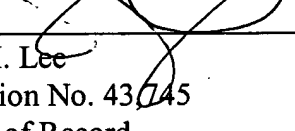
**CONCLUSION**

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is cordially invited to call Applicant's attorney, at the telephone number below, to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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